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Sir:

In response to the office action mailed on July 1, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application and in accordance with Rule 116 of the rules of practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: 1) Amendment Fee Transmittal, accompanied by the appropriate fee; 2) Petition for Extension of Time for a period of one month from October 1, 2003 up to and including Saturday, November 1, 2003, accompanied by the appropriate fee; and 3) Notice of Appeal, accompanied by the appropriate fee.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

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